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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO PETE SIEMENS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Siemens as he retires from his position as a Director of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen). Pete represents Ward One which is comprised of the communities of Cupertino, Lexington Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga.

Pete Siemens was first appointed to the Midpen Board in 1994. Since that time he has served with great distinction furthering Midpen's goal to preserve a connected greenbelt of more than 65,000 acres in the greater Santa Cruz Mountains region.

Pete Siemens was born in San Francisco and raised in the Central Valley. He earned a B.S. degree in math from Fresno State University and worked as a rocket test engineer. He is now a consultant in test-system design for medical implants.

Pete Siemens has given generously of his time and considerable talents to his community, serving as a Los Gatos Council member and as Mayor. He also served as a Los Gatos Planning Commissioner and on the Santa Clara County Transportation Commission. He volunteered in the restoration of the Grant Cabin, and he and his wife Diane volunteer at the Daniels Nature Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Pete Siemens for his extraordinary service as a Member of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. We are a stronger and better region because of his public service.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RECORD-SETTING TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST ALLYSON FELIX

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Allyson Felix, who lives in my

district, for her illustrious track and field career. Ms. Felix finished her 20-year international career by winning bronze and gold medals on U.S. relay teams at the July 15–24 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Ms. Felix holds the distinction of winning more medals than any United States track and field Olympian in history, male or female. She has competed and won in five straight Olympic games, medaling in Athens, Beijing, London, Rio, and Tokyo.

Ms. Felix joined the track team at LA Baptist High School in North Hills, California, mentored by Coach Jonathan Patton. During that time Ms. Felix ran the 200 meter in the Mexico City World Junior Championship, finishing with a time of 22.11 seconds, the fastest recorded time for a high school girl in history.

She won her first silver medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens while enrolled at the University of Southern California. She went on to graduate with a degree in elementary education.

Her "firsts" continued when, at the 2005 Helsinki World Championship, she became the youngest person to win in the 200 meters race. Two years later she defended that title at the 2007 Osaka World Championships and became just the second female athlete to win three gold medals at a single IAAF World Championship in Athletics.

She has also used her platform to speak out on disparities in pay for athletes during and after pregnancy, and disparities in care for Black people giving birth. Her 2019 New York Times op-ed on pregnancy pay discrimination prompted public outcry and a Congressional inquiry. That year, Ms. Felix also testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on Black maternal mortality after suffering life-threatening pre-eclampsia while carrying her daughter.

Ms. Felix has won a total of eleven Olympic medals: one bronze, three silver, and seven gold, including her most recent gold and bronze medals at the Tokyo Olympics. The Nation, our state of California and our city of Los Angeles can feel justifiably proud of her accomplishments both on and off the field.

HONORING WENDALL K. JONES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contributions to the community and his role in the

historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DALE JOHNSON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Dale W. Johnson—a leader of the Makah Tribe who recently passed away.

Dale Johnson served as Chairman of the Makah Tribal Council and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. He led efforts to restore the Makah halibut, black cod, and whiting fisheries. Dale was also active within community sporting activities including basketball, football, and the traditional war canoe races. I was grateful for his partnership, and I was always honored to work with him on the critical issues impacting his Tribe.

I am humbled to speak in recognition of Dale. I join his family and the Makah Tribe in mourning his passing, but also in recognizing that his good work will contribute to the community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE GROUND BREAKING OF CONCOURSE A AT KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking of Concourse A at Key West International Airport (EYW). As the proud representative of Florida's 26th Congressional District, I fought hard to include crucial funding for Monroe County, including the nearly \$40 million in federal grants for this airport expansion project at EYW. This new concourse will augment the airport's enplanement capacity, making it a vital project for the residents, tourists, and businesses in the Florida Keys.

Monroe County, whose Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved plans for the project in August, has big plans for Concourse A. Totaling nearly 49,000 square feet, it will contain expanded baggage areas and concession opportunities, seven new passenger boarding jet bridges, and more office spaces. New airline ramp spaces and ramp equipment storage areas will also be housed below the new concourse. Clear story windows and a curtain wall system will provide plenty of natural light for all airport users to enjoy. The airport's main terminal will also be expanded, with renovations to accommodate space for four new security lanes and added support spaces at the existing restaurant location, among other improvements. An extended pedestrian bridge, located after Concourse A's security checkpoint, will connect the new concourse with the main terminal.

Millions visit the Florida Keys every year, and Key West International Airport plays a crucial role in facilitating much of that tourism.